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FEDERAL INDICTMENTS UNSEALED IN CASE INVOLVING TRAFFICKING OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS AND MONEY LAUNDERING

19 individuals and 7 corporations included in indictment involving 7 stores in North Louisiana

Monroe, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that five federal indictments have been returned by a grand jury sitting in Lafayette, Louisiana charging 19 individuals and 7 corporations with trafficking in counterfeit goods, money laundering, making false statements to a federal agent, false representations and use of a social security account number, operating an unlicensed money transmitting business and forfeiture.

The five indictments were unsealed today following the arrest of several of the defendants named in the indictments.

The **first indictment** contains one or more charges against the following defendants:

- MAHMOOD ALSHAIBI a/k/a Mahmood Aishaibi a/k/a Mohamed a/k/a Carlos, age 33, of Lake Providence, Louisiana;
- GAMAL AHMED AHMED a/k/a Jimmy, age 34, of Tallulah, Louisiana;
- AHMED ALI NAGI a/k/a Baker, age 57, of Lake Providence, Louisiana;
- ABDULFATTAH NASSER SALEH a/k/a Abdul a/k/a Anthony, age 30, of Tallulah, Louisiana;
- **BELVA JEAN ARD**, age 26, of Tallulah, Louisiana;
- ABDULKARIM NASSER AHMED SALEH, age 28, of Tallulah, Louisiana;

- CONSUELO SANCHEZ a/k/a Fatima a/k/a Concha Hernandez-Martinez a/k/a Liticia Mireles Torres, age 36, of Lake Providence, Louisiana;
- S.G.H., INC.; and
- BAYOU KING, INC.

Each defendant is charged with one or more counts in the indictment, which contains 35 counts, including conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit goods, trafficking in counterfeit goods, conspiracy to commit money laundering, money laundering, false representations and use of a social security account number and forfeiture. The indictment alleges that these counterfeit goods were being sold from the **Sportsman Super Stop** and the **Smoke Shop** in Tallulah, Louisiana.

The **second indictment** contains one or more charges against the following defendants:

- **ABDULLA MOHAMED MANA a/k/a Bill**, age 30, of Lake Providence, Louisiana;
- AKRAM MUQBIL SAEED a/k/a Akram Saeed Muqbil, age 23, of Lake Providence, Louisiana;
- ALI MOHAMED SALEH, age 25, of Ruston, Louisiana;
- **AMIN M. OBADI**, age 30, of Monroe, Louisiana;
- SALWAN MUSA HUSSEIN MOHAMED a/k/a Salwan M. Mohmed a/k/a Isaac, age 27, of Ruston, Louisiana;
- SUN OVER SAND, INC.; and
- ALSAHARA, INC.

Each defendant is charged with one or more counts in the indictment, which contains 17 counts, including conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit goods, trafficking in counterfeit goods, conspiracy to commit federal crimes, operating an unlicensed money transmitting business and forfeiture. The indictment alleges that counterfeit goods were being sold from and checks were being cashed for customers at the **Hit & Get** in Lake Providence, Louisiana and the **Eastside Mini Mart** in Ruston, Louisiana.

The **third indictment** contains one or more charges against the following defendants:

- TAHA SHARAF MASOUD ALYOUSEFI, age 46, of Monroe, Louisiana;
- FADHL M. MOHAMED a/k/a Fadhl Abdul Rahim Mohamed, age 50, of Monroe, Louisiana;
- **GAMIL AHMED ALMASHIM**, age 35, of Tallulah, Louisiana;

- **JACK MOHAMED S. MUSED**, age 39, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama;
- ABDULLA HUSSEIN SALEH a/k/a Abdulla Hussein K. Kassem, age 31, of Lake Providence, Louisiana;
- TAIZ, INC.; and
- SOUTH 2ND STREET, L.L.C.

Each defendant is charged with one or more counts in the indictment, which contains 3 counts, including conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transmitting business and traffic in counterfeit goods, operating an unlicensed money transmitting business, trafficking in counterfeit goods and forfeiture. The indictment alleges that counterfeit goods were being sold from and checks were being cashed for customers at the **Delta Mini Mart #3** in Monroe, Louisiana.

The **fourth indictment** contains one or more charges against the following defendants:

- ANIS MOHAMED MANA SALEH, age 25, of Monroe, Louisiana; and
- WGG, INC.

Each defendant is charged with one or more counts in the indictment, which contains 13 counts, including with conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit goods, trafficking in counterfeit goods, and forfeiture. The indictment alleges that counterfeit goods were being sold from the **Winnsboro Gas & Grocery** in Monroe, Louisiana.

The **fifth and final indictment** charges **MOSHEN A. MOHAMED**, age 38, of Monroe, Louisiana, with one count of making a false statement to a federal agent when questioned about the cashing of checks by him at the **Fina Delta Mini Mart** store in Monroe, Louisiana.

Of those defendants charged in the indictments, the following have been arrested and made their initial appearance in United States District Court in Monroe before Magistrate Judge Karen Hayes today:

- Abdulla Mohamed Mana a/k/a Bill;
- Gamal Ahmed Ahmed a/k/a Jimmy;
- Ahmed Ali Nagi a/k/a Baker;
- Consuelo Sanchez a/k/a Concha Hernandez-Martinez a/k/a Liticia Mireles Torres a/k/a Fatima;

- Abdulfattah Nasser Saleh a/k/a Anthony a/k/a Abdul;
- Belva Jean Ard;
- Abdulkarim Nasser Ahmed Saleh;
- Gamil Ahmed Almashim;
- Abdulla Hussein Saleh a/k/a Abdula Husein K. Kassem;
- Jack Mohamed S. Mused;
- Moshen A. Mohamed;
- Salwan Musa Hussein Mohamed a/k/a Salwan M. Mohmed a/k/a Isaac; and
- Ali Mohamed Saleh.

The remaining defendants have not yet been arrested.

If convicted, the defendants face the following penalties:

Charge	Possible Prison Term	Possible Fine
Conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit goods	Not more than 5 years in prison	\$250,000
Trafficking in counterfeit goods	Not more than 10 years in prison	\$2,000,000
Conspiracy to commit money laundering	Not more than 5 years in prison	\$250,000
Money laundering	Not more than 20 years in prison	\$500,000
False representations and use of a social security account number	Not more than 5 years in prison	\$250,000

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Defendants are entitled to a presumption of innocence under the law, and the government has the burden of proving every element of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Gillespie, Jr.

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